

Aerospace Education Membership Criteria and Benefits

Aerospace Education Membership (AEM) is a special category of Civil Air Patrol membership. It is open to any reputable individual or organization that has an interest in supporting CAP's Aerospace Education Program.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Individuals: (1) Citizen of the United States or alien admitted for permanent residence. (2) Never convicted or pled guilty to a felony (State or Federal) or currently charged with a felony. (3) Honorably discharged from the armed forces, if served. (4) Student memberships are only offered to undergraduate college students.

Organizations: Any reputable group, organization, business, club, or association. Examples include PTAs, PTOs, schools, school districts, businesses, science clubs, aero clubs, public libraries, nonprofit organizations, aerospace industry groups, etc. No particular affiliation with aerospace is required for membership, only the desire to promote and support aerospace education in America. Each organization joining CAP as an AEM must assign a point of contact (POC) individual. Only the organizational POC is authorized to receive the benefits of membership listed below.

Restrictions:

(Individuals and the Organizational Point of Contact)

- Not authorized to wear CAP uniform, hold CAP grade, or participate in the senior member program.
- May not serve in authorized senior member positions in a CAP unit at any level.
- Special permission is required for flights in Civil Air Patrol aircraft.
- Aerospace Education Membership time is not creditable towards retirement in CAP.

Screening:

Each application will be screened for completeness and eligibility. Membership must be approved by the CAP Executive Director or his designee.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR:

The member year starts on the date the AEM application is approved by CAP and is processed by National Headquarters and the individuals name appears on the National Headquarters data base. It terminates 1 year later on the last day of the application approval month. **Note:** If the AEM application is disapproved, the applicant's dues are refunded.

TRANSFER TO REGULAR CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERSHIP:

To transfer from AEM to regular CAP membership (at no additional cost for the membership year) submit a **CAP Form 12, "Application for Senior Membership in Civil Air Patrol,"** with **"AEM to Senior - No Charge"** annotated across the top, along with an FBI fingerprint card, through your local CAP unit.

PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Each individual or organizational designee that joins CAP as an AEM receives the following benefits:

- Civil Air Patrol membership card
- Aerospace Education Membership certificate
- AEM Lapel Pin (one time)
- CAP News (bimonthly newspaper)
- AE News (bimonthly Newsletter)
- e-news (on-line monthly AE news update)
- free national standards-based aerospace educational materials developed especially for AEMs (upon request)
- low-cost aerospace textbooks
- orientation flights in powered aircraft
- awards for schools and students that adopt aerospace education into their curricula
- receives free and low-cost continuing education programs including aerospace education summer workshops and encampments
- Aerospace Education speakers and resources nationwide
- Scholarships for teachers and students interested in aerospace and aviation careers
- eligibility to apply for grants
- attend regional and national conferences
- eligibility to apply for CAP VISA card
- eligibility for car rental discount from Hertz
- purchase life insurance
- purchase health insurance
- purchase materials thru CAPMart
- access to Satellite Tool Kit
- discounts for computer hardware and software
- discounts on aviation and space magazines
- tax benefits, including deductible membership dues and mileage to CAP conferences and activities
- eligibility (for individuals only) to travel on USAF aircraft, **when available**, for approved aerospace education activities
- free publications from the US Air Force Air University Press

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